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TEAM INTRODUCTION

CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Joseph A. Curtatone mayor:

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BUILDING COMMITTEE:

capital projects: Robert King, Director

> Robert Cassano, Project Manager Debora Mitrano, Project Assistant

Glenn Ferdman library director: deputy director: Cathy Piantigini west branch library: Karen Kramer

Alison Mitchell

library board of trustees: Katherine L. Van Sleet, President

library board of trustees: Peter Scheidler Vanessa Boukili city arborist:

designLAB architects: **Bob Miklos**

Ben Youtz

Jason Van Yperen Andrew Brookes

G2 Collaborative: Lisa Giersbach

> Gigi Saltonstall Sara Brunelle

design technique inc.: John Sayre-Scibona, Owners Project Manager

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | EMERGING THEMES & NEEDS

PROGRAMS & RESOURCES:

MULTIPURPOSE & FLEXIBLE SPACES

NEW COMMUNITY SPACE FOR MEETINGS, SMALL PERFORMANCES & EVENTS MAINTAIN & EXPAND CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

INCREASE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS, & ADULT OFFERINGS UNIFY COLLECTIONS AND IMPROVE BROWSABILITY

OPERATIONS:

IMPROVE ENTRY SEQUENCE, SECURITY ISSUES & STAFF SPACES INCREASE RESTROOMS & ADD DEDICATED FAMILY & STAFF RESTROOMS MODERNIZE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS & ADDRESS ENVELOPE ISSUES

EXTERIOR & LANDSCAPE:

CREATE ACCESSIBLE & APPEALING ENTRY WHILE MAINTAINING HISTORIC INTEGRITY SPACE FOR OUTDOOR PROGRAMS NEW COMMUNITY SPACE FOR MEETINGS, SMALL PERFORMANCES & EVENTS







ADD PLAN









REAR LANDSCAPE

TREES:

- MAINTAIN LARGE NORWAY MAPLE
- FURTHER ANALYZE POSSIBLITY TO MAINTAIN ADDITIONAL EXISTING TREES

GENERAL:

- GENERAL DESIRE FOR AS MUCH 'GREEN' AS POSSIBLE
- 'STRIKE THE RIGHT BALANCE' BETWEEN PROGRAMMABLE / OCCUPIABLE SPACES AND PARKING / SERVICE
- CONSIDER 'OUTDOOR CLASSROOM' AND/OR STAGE FOR NEIGHBORING SCHOOL AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUP USE
- CONSIDER NATIVE, LOW MAINTENANCE PLANT SPECIES: WORK WITH GARDEN CLUB - CONSIDER PERMEABLE PAVING OPTIONS THAT FEEL 'MULTI-USE'
 - FLEXIBLE SEATING FOR SMALL INFORMAL GATHERINGS WOULD BE DESIREABLE
 - CONSIDER SOME TYPE OF 'AMPHITHEATER' SEATING
 - LIGHTING DESIGN IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION
 - CONSIDER ELEMENTS THAT CAN BE PLAYED ON

FRONT LANDSCAPE

TREES:

- MAINTAIN (2) COLUMNAR BEECH TREES + DAWN REDWOOD
- EXISTING BEECH TREE IN SOUTHEAST CORNER WILL NEED TO BE REMOVED FOR NEW ENTRY WALKWAY CONNECTING SIDEWALK TO ADDITION

GENERAL:

- LANDSCAPED SPACES SHOULD FEEL APPROACHABLE + WELCOMING
 - MANY LIKED INTIMACY OF EXISTING SPACES
- SEATING IS DESIRABLE. BENCHES + LAWN SEATING WERE DISCUSSED
 - SEPARATION OF OPEN SPACE FROM SIDEWALK IS

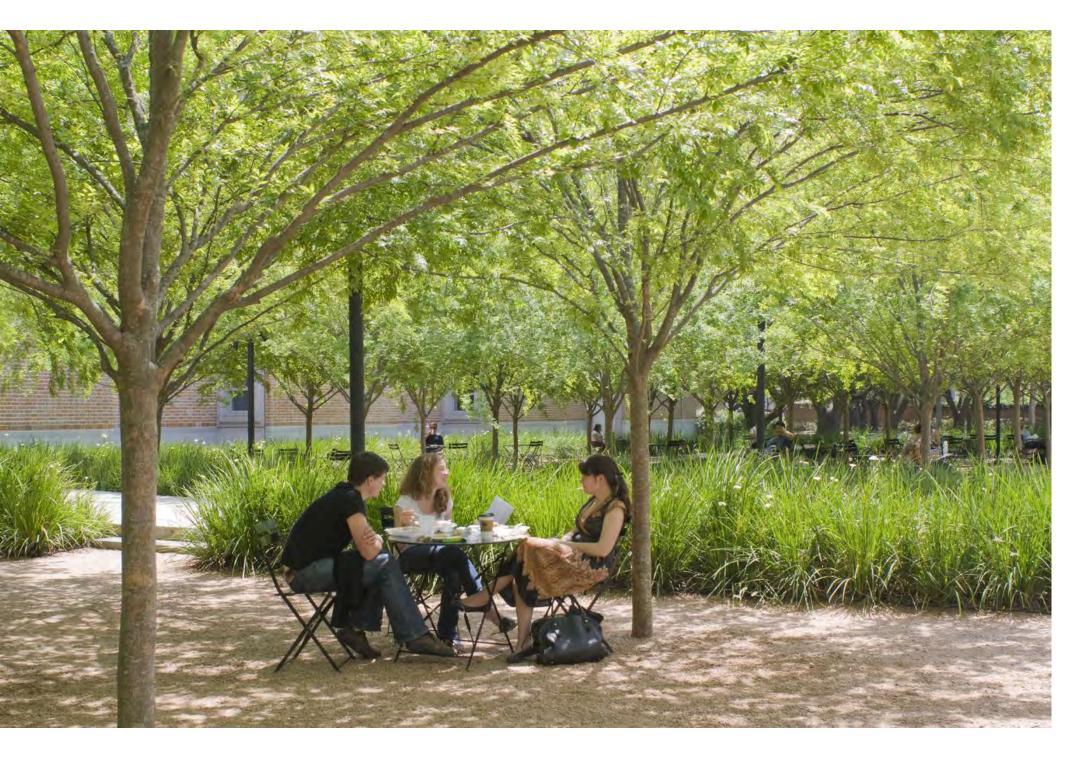
AN IMPORTANT DESIGN CONSIDERATION

- LANDSCAPE SHOULD BE SYMMETRICALLY BALANCED TO COMPLIMENT HISTORIC **BUILDING FACADE**
 - HOW TO BUFFER NOISE FROM COLLEGE AVE. WAS A DISCUSSION TOPIC















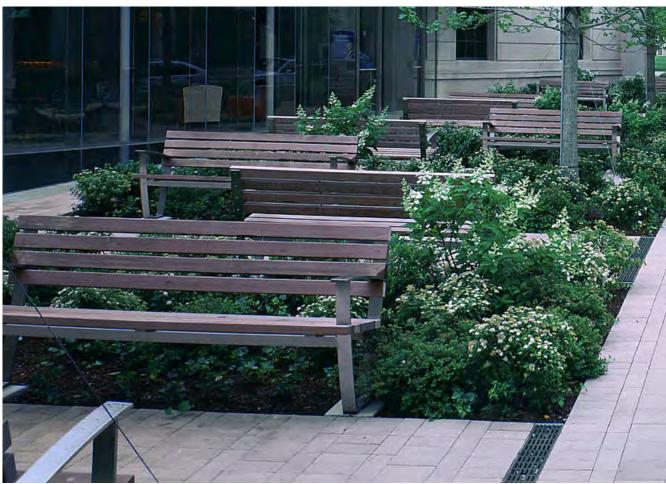








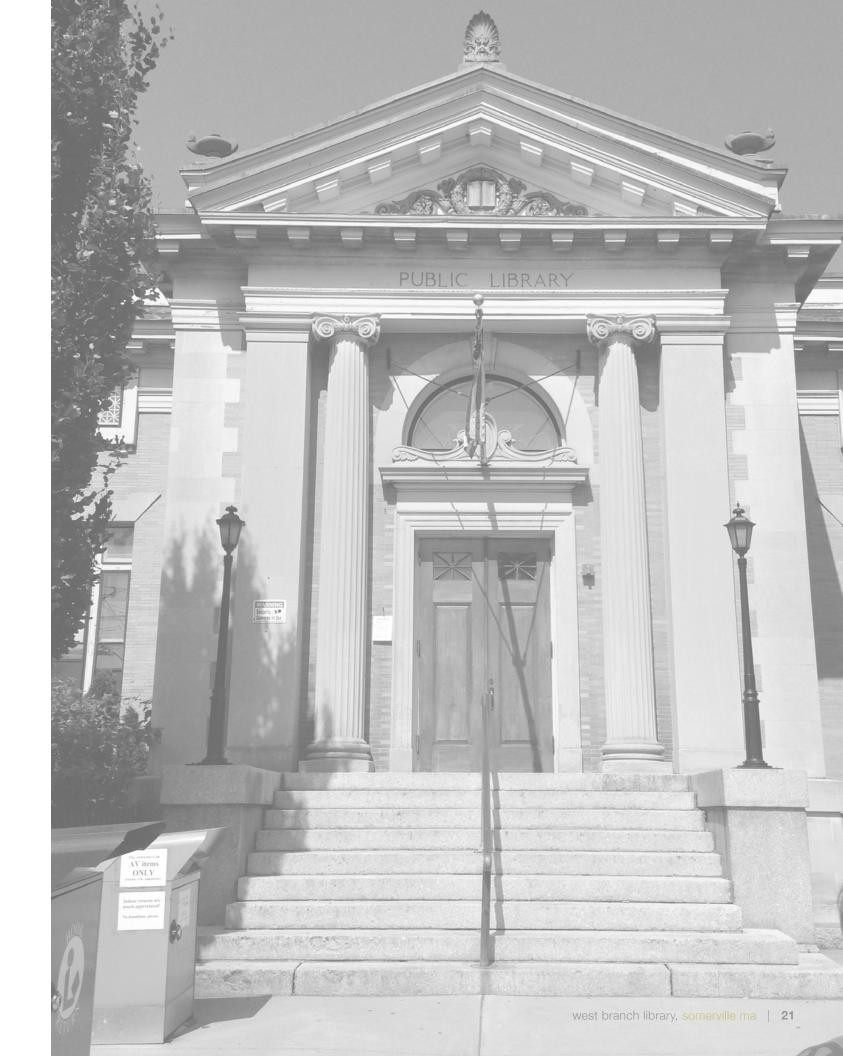






NEXT STEPS

- Community Meeting to Review Landscape Design Strategies
- Historic Preservation Commisision Review
- Special Permit Application
- Design Process to Construction



THANK YOU

